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(L to R) Donna Diers '64, Faculty Marshal, and Dean Catherine Gilliss on Cross Campus. Please see article on page 3.
Just a few weeks ago, we celebrated Donna Diers’s new PhD, awarded by the University of Technology in Sydney, Australia. Then, almost before we put our champagne glasses down, it was time to celebrate her retirement. As Linda Pellico observed, Donna Diers is a woman of many paradoxes.

Donna’s entire career happened at Yale. What a gift to us. For forty years, she taught, she wrote, she advocated, she led. It’s possible that little will change, for we know she has signed up to continue her work at Yale-New Haven Hospital, the Yale School of Epidemiology and Public Health, and in Australia. Another paradox: she retires and goes to work. But her YSN retirement has given us pause to reflect on her contributions. And they are many.

In 1983, Donna and Claire Fagin wrote, “Nursing as Metaphor,” and published it in the New England Journal of Medicine. This brief piece observes that “Nursing is a metaphor for mothering; Nursing is a metaphor for class struggle; Nursing is a metaphor for equality; and Nursing is a metaphor for intimacy.” I am struck that Donna’s career at YSN illustrates each.

Nursing is a metaphor for mothering: We became Donna’s family. She gave fully to YSN and its faculty, staff, and students. She felt our stresses and strains. She comforted us; she made us laugh; she made us proud.

Nursing is a metaphor for class struggle: With her flowing pen, she waged this fight. She wrote elegantly of the work of the nurse, rendering her visible, and elevating her work to that of the most exalted health professional. People matter. Nurses care for people. Nurses matter.

Nursing is a metaphor for equality: Under Donna’s deanship, the School convened its first tenured faculty group, YSN’s Board of Permanent Officers. Society was ready to hear about women and their contributions and rights. Kingman Brewster heard Donna and his respect for her was reflected in his treatment of the School. Rumor has it that Mory’s heard Donna, too, opening its doors to women with her membership.

Nursing is a metaphor for intimacy: One only needed to see the people who came to Donna’s celebrations and hear their stories. They laughed; they wept. They praised her ever-changing hairstyles and marveled at her sense of fashion. They reflected their love.

Donna and Claire closed their essay by saying, “We think of ourselves as Florence Nightingale – tough, canny, powerful, autonomous, and heroic.” I think they got it right about Donna. DD, we will miss you.

Catherine Lynch Gilliss
Dean and Professor
• **2003 Reunion Weekend is scheduled for June 5-7, 2003.** Save the date and be sure to come! Contact a classmate or two and begin making plans to return to New Haven. It is a beautiful time of year and your Alumnae/i Association always plans a stimulating program, with CEUs available to those who apply. Reuning classes in 2003 will be those that end in “3” and “8,” but all alumnae/i are welcome and encouraged to attend. More about the program to follow in the December issue of *Yale Nurse.*

• The Student and Alumnae/i Affairs Office, under the direction of Barbara Reif, is eager to assist you in any way. If you need a class list; or wish to receive an application packet for a friend or colleague; or need a transcript or form filled out; or just want to find out what’s going on at the School, please contact us at (203) 785-2389. We would be pleased to help you in any way that we can.

• Printed on the inside back cover of this issue is a survey from Sharon Sanderson, Director of Recruitment and Placement. Please take a few minutes to complete it and send it back to her. YSN’s mailing address is P.O. Box 9740, 100 Church Street South, New Haven, CT 06536-0740.

• Interested in recycling your YSN pin? If you never wear your pin, but wish to give it to someone who has lost his or hers, please send it to Barbara Reif, in care of the Student and Alumnae/i Affairs Office, Yale School of Nursing, P.O. Box 9740, New Haven, CT 06536-0740. Every once in a while we get a request for a replacement pin, especially from graduates in the MN classes, and these pins are difficult to come by. Having some extras is a wonderful means of continuing the YSN tradition in a very special way.

• YSN’s Web address is [www.nursing.yale.edu](http://www.nursing.yale.edu).

• The new AYA Web site and the Online Alumni Directory are up and functioning! Although alums can update their contact information directly on the Web, please remember to also contact YSN when there is a change, until we can be sure that both systems, “speak to each other.” Send updates to barbara.larkin@yale.edu, including phone numbers and email addresses.

• It’s not too late to order a handmade sterling silver bulldog pin. Send a check or money order for $65 to Bulldog Pin Fundraiser, Student and Alumnae/i Affairs Office, P.O. Box 9740, New Haven, CT 06536-0740. Any questions should be directed to Barbara Reif at barbara.reif@yale.edu or (203) 737-5401.

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**SAVE THE DATE FOR THE 5TH ANNUAL CONVOCATION FOR THE CENTER FOR EXCELLENCE IN CHRONIC ILLNESS CARE**

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2003, 4 PM, LECTURE HALL, YSN**

**THE GUEST SPEAKER WILL BE JOHN ROLLAND, MD, CLINICAL PROFESSOR OF PSYCHIATRY AND CO-DIRECTOR, CENTER FOR FAMILY HEALTH, UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO.**

Deadline for accepting nominations for the 2003 Caring Awards, given each year at the Convocation, is December 16, 2002.

For further information on the nomination process and/or an application, please contact Nancy DeMatteo at (203) 737-5501 or nancy.dematteo@yale.edu.
Graduation 2002
Held at Shubert Theater

YSN’s 76th Commencement Exercises began on Old Campus and ended at the Shubert Theater in downtown New Haven. The weather was perfect and graduates from the Class of 2002 and their families and friends celebrated the day in high style! Faculty Marshal Donna Diers ‘64 led the academic procession, followed by Student Marshals Sarah Meyer ‘03, Kathryn Tierney ‘02, Maureen Oumano ‘02, and Robin Klar ‘02, representing Candidates for the Certificate in Nursing, Master of Science in Nursing, Post Master’s Certificate, and Doctor of Nursing Science, respectively. The Banner Bearer was Robin Murtha ‘02.

At the Shubert, following greetings from Dean Catherine Gilliss and an invocation by Donna Diers, Marilyn Chow, Vice President for Patient Care Services, Kaiser Permanente, Oakland, CA, gave an inspiring commencement address. Tracy Weber ‘02, was chosen to deliver remarks representing the Class of 2002. Her speech was filled with humor, but also words of congratulations and encouragement, as she urged her classmates, “...to view things through a new lens, to develop a sharper eye, to dig deep inside and discover a new dimension, a new way of relating to others. As graduates of the program, we assume a certain responsibility to the future of nursing.”

(L to R) Deborah Kabowicz, Christa Hartch, Violet Chrostowski, Michelle Sanford, and Kimberly Hudson
Kimberly Erlich '02 presented the Class Gift, a stained glass replica of the YSN shield to be mounted in the Student Lounge. The 2002 Annie Goodrich Award for Excellence in Teaching was presented to Tish Knobf '82, Associate Professor and Oncology Nurse Practitioner in the Adult Advanced Practice Nursing Specialty. Florence Gillich, Media Technician, Information Technology Services, received the Staff Recognition Award.

The Charles King, Jr. Memorial Scholars Aid Prize, given annually to the graduating student who has demonstrated outstanding performance in scholarship, research, and clinical practice and who, through accomplishments in and leadership of all aspects of study has inspired an admiration for professional work, was awarded to Erin McCourt '02. The Milton and Anne Sidney Prize for the graduating student whose research praxis best exemplifies the School’s commitment to clinical research and its mission to contribute to better health care for people through systematic study of the nature and effect of nursing practice went to Jessica Guarino '02. The Anthony DiGuida Delta Mu Research Prize is awarded to the graduating doctoral student who exemplifies love of scholarship and joy in learning, and demonstrates creative conceptualization of a complex clinical problem of study offering promise in promoting a healthier population. This year’s winner was Joan Rimar, DNSC '02.

A lovely reception followed the formal program, with families and friends sharing the excitement of the day with the Class of 2002!
Jessica Guarino, recipient of the Milton and Anne Sidney Prize

Tish Knobf, winner of the Annie Goodrich Award

At Old Campus (L to R) Kim Erlich, Elizabeth Perrone, Melanie McRae, Ivette Becerra-Ortiz, Karey Lance, and Jessica Stein
Erin McCourt, recipient of the Charles King, Jr. Memorial Scholars Aid Prize

Joan Rimer, recipient of the Anthony DiGuida Delta Mu Research Prize

Flo Gillich (R) was honored with the 2002 Staff Recognition Award, presented by Erin McCourt.
Malia Davis

Midwives Ruby Brown (L) and Stephanie Welsh sport witch hats, symbolic of old fears about the role of the midwife.

Dorothy Sexton (C) with her students Virginia Sun (L) and Virginia's Aunt, Rhoda, whom Dorothy taught at Boston University in 1968.
Judith Kohan (R) with her sister, Linda Firestone

CB Benway '02 with children Jonah and Jaime

PNP faculty (L to R) Marty Swartz, Pat Ryan-Krause '81, and Elaine Gustafson '86
Once again this year’s reunion weekend was a very special event. Not only was the program informative and varied, but it was an opportunity to celebrate the silver anniversary of the first GEPN graduating class and the first Medical-Surgical Nursing graduating class. Participants were privileged to hear from Linda Pellico '89 and Lynette Ament who presented some innovative, hands-on learning exercises using visual tools and clay for modeling. They listened to impressive descriptions of current research studies from Margaret Grey '76, Gail Melkus, and Larry Scnhill '89. They learned about YSN's lead in creating programs of study designed to meet the needs of today's health care environment with Paula Milone-Nuzzo, Sue Peters '97, Lynn Price '98, and Jill Speckhart '01. And they revisited the challenges of creating and implementing the program for non-nurse college graduates (now the GEPN program of study) with Ann Ameling '67, Margie Beal '82, Donna Diers '64, Bob Hill '97, Karla Knight '77, Rhea Sanford '86, and Dorothy Sexton.

Four distinguished Alumna Awards were presented at the Friday night banquet. Recipients were Deborah Chyun '82, Terry Friend '91, Deborah Ward '77, and Nancy Wineman '77.

As usual, there was lots of reminiscing, much laughter, renewal of ties to the School and one another, and a sense of enormous pride in all that YSN was and continues to be!
At the banquet on Friday evening are (seated L to R) Laura Gimby '92, Jacqueline Meyer '92, Vicki Bourque Sklar '93; and (standing L to R) Alyson Cohen '92, Ed Drew '92, Sue Walker '92, Stuart Berger '92, Gina Plowright Kearney '92.

Current students (L to R) Melissa Bergfeld '04, Sonia Lander '03, and Rebecca Mascia enjoyed the weekend activities.

Phyllis Graves '41 (L) and Betty Puzak '41
Distinguished Alumna Award Recipient
DEBORAH A. CHYUN ’82

In the twenty years since her graduation from YSN, she has built a multifaceted and distinguished career as a researcher, educator, and mentor. She began her nursing career in 1975 at the New England Deaconess Hospital, continued on to Boston College for a BSN, and then to Yale for her MSN in medical-surgical nursing in 1982 and a PhD in chronic disease epidemiology from the Department of Epidemiology and Public Health in 1998.

A thoughtful and inquisitive investigator, she has developed and maintained a strenuous and multidisciplinary program of research throughout her career in academia. Her research interests include the interrelationship between diabetes and coronary disease, and asymptomatic myocardial ischemia in persons with diabetes. She has presented her research findings to the American Heart Association Scientific Sessions, the American Diabetes Association, the Gerontological Association of America, and the Eastern Nursing Research Society, among others.

The innovative nature of her research is reflected in numerous publications and presentations. A prolific writer, she has published articles in peer-reviewed professional journals and has written editorials, book chapters, and research abstracts. Her professional activities on a national level include review of manuscripts for professional journals, such as Heart and Lung and Nursing Research, and speaking at both nursing and interdisciplinary symposia involving heart disease and diabetes.

As Director of the Adult Advanced Practice Nursing Specialty at YSN for more than ten years, she has served as leader, mentor, and educator to her students and faculty. Through her vision and leadership, her faculty has developed course work to prepare students for the many challenges of advanced practice nurses. Responding to the rapidly changing acute care environment, she spearheaded the creation of the Acute Care Nurse Practitioner and Oncology Nurse Practitioner Tracks within her Specialty. Early on she also recognized the wisdom of continuing to educate clinical nurse specialists in cardiovascular and oncology nursing, and has maintained Yale’s offerings because of her dedication to the long-term nursing needs of acutely and critically ill patients. She has also been known to prepare a gourmet meal or two for her students and faculty to show her appreciation for their hard work and accomplishments!

Understanding the value of her Yale School of Nursing education, she has supported the work of the Alumnae/i Association, having served as a Board member and as President. She is always willing to volunteer when needed and is reliable and thorough in her contributions.

For her dedication to teaching and research, her innumerable contributions to the study of heart disease, her visionary leadership, mentorship, and commitment to the well being of all people, in other words, for "living" the mission of the Yale School of Nursing, it is with great pride that her Alumnae/i Association recognizes Deborah A. Chyun, Class of 1982, with a Distinguished Alumna Award.
Distinguished Alumna Award recipients Nancy Wineman '77 (L) and Deborah Chyun '82. Other recipients, Deborah Ward '77 and Terry Friend '91, were unable to attend and received their award in absentia.
Distinguished Alumna Award Recipient
THERESA M. FRIEND '91

She has devoted her entire professional career to improving the health of the women and families of the Oglala Lakota Sioux on The Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota. The Oglala Lakota Sioux have a rich cultural history, but in more recent times the reservation has struggled with poverty and health problems that include alcoholism, domestic violence, diabetes, cervical cancer, and infant mortality. Life expectancy on The Pine Ridge Reservation is among the lowest in the United States, and yet it has one of the highest birth rates in the nation. This Yale nurse-midwife has worked for 20 years to meet the challenges and improve the health of her beloved clients on the Reservation.

She came to Pine Ridge as a diploma graduate nurse. After several years with the Indian Health Service she returned to school for her BSN which she felt would better prepare her to meet the needs of her patients. After working with the midwives as an obstetrical nurse, she once again returned to school and arrived at Yale to prepare herself as a nurse-midwife with a concentration in diabetes, a disease that is prevalent among Native Americans.

After graduation from YSN in 1991, with the Milton and Anne Sidney Prize for her thesis, “Diabetes Among the Lakota Sioux,” and a Research Award from Sigma Theta Tau in hand, she returned to The Pine Ridge Reservation to put her newly acquired midwifery skills into practice. As one of her colleagues and former supervisor commented, “She brought us 1980-trained midwives into the Twentieth Century.” As the years passed she became increasingly aware that the ob/gyn consultant services were very limited on the Reservation. Because of this, she encouraged the midwife team to go beyond basic midwifery and to advance their skills, as she had done herself, by obtaining training in colposcopy and ultrasound, services previously limited or unavailable at Pine Ridge.

Always the consummate clinician, she is the only “diabetes in pregnancy” expert on the Pine Ridge Reservation, independently managing the care of all pregnant diabetic patients, many of whom are referred to her by physicians. Pregnant women had not been routinely screened for gestational diabetes at Pine Ridge, in spite of the higher rates of diabetes among Native Americans, but her Yale education inspired her to challenge the status quo and now diabetic screening is done for all women, pregnant or not.

As an Indian Health Services employee, she is deeply involved in committee work and as Director of Midwifery Services she acts as the liaison between the administration and the midwives, demonstrating remarkable leadership and dedication, and promoting team building. She is a member of the Oglala Sioux Tribal Health Board Ad Hoc Committee for Women’s Health, an honor for a non-tribal member. She is a much sought after guest speaker at local schools and colleges, and discusses various women’s health issues on the radio program, “Voice of the Lakota Nation.” She is the unusual combination of outstanding clinician, teacher, mentor, administrator, and represents a strong voice for women. She has seen the needs of her patients and has dedicated herself to developing the skills to meet them. In so doing, she has raised the bar of excellence in practice and caring.

For her outstanding clinical skills, leadership, and dedication to the health of the families on The Pine Ridge Reservation, the Yale School of Nursing is proud to proclaim Theresa (Terry) M. Friend, Class of 1991, a Distinguished Alumna.
Jewel Patton '47 (L), Gigi Booth '47, and Thelma Joseph '47 celebrated their 55th!

(L to R) Anne Aquila ‘89, Alyson Cohen ‘92, Ann Marie LaRocca ‘89, and Linda Pellico ‘89 at the Quinnipiack Club
Always willing and, yes, eager to break new ground, this Yale Nurse was one of the pioneers that entered the brand new Three-Year Program for Non-Nurse College Graduates established at Yale School of Nursing in 1974. She had earned a BA in Government from Oberlin College and had spent time in publishing, before finally turning to nursing as a career. Yale’s new and innovative program was just what “the nurse ordered!” In fact, her mother had preceded her at YSN, having graduated with the Class of 1933, so perhaps caring and curing were in her genes.

After graduation from Yale in 1977 as one of the new breed of advanced practice nurses armed with a master’s degree and a lot of life experience, she began her second career as a family nurse practitioner at Yale-New Haven Hospital’s Primary Care Center. She also held a joint appointment as faculty in the Community Health Nursing Program at YSN. Knowing that doctoral education was key to her career path, she left New Haven in 1985 to go north to Boston University as a Doctoral Fellow In Health Policy, supported by the Pew Charitable Trusts. Her dissertation research focused on estimating the apparent and hidden costs of family care-giving for the elderly disabled, an interdisciplinary study combining economics, health policy, and social science.

From Boston, she packed up her family and went west to settle in Seattle where she began her distinguished academic career at the University of Washington in both nursing and women’s studies. She has long combined nursing practice with policy implementation and academic excellence as Associate Professor in the Psychological and Community Health Department and Adjunct Professor of Women’s Studies. She has an impressive number of refereed publications, peer-reviewed abstracts, articles, and presentations, mostly focusing on women’s health issues and health care reform. She is and always has been a feminist in the truest sense of the word, giving voice to the silent and power to the disenfranchised. She helped create an environment in Seattle to put practice into action as the past Chair and member of the Board of Trustees of the Group Health Cooperative, Puget Sound, a ground breaking health maintenance organization in the Pacific Northwest. She has also given back to her community tenfold, as a caring and committed volunteer working for the homeless, and youth and family services.

Honored throughout her career in both teaching and nursing, first with YSN’s Annie Goodrich Award for Excellence in Teaching in 1982 and followed by the Distinguished Teaching Award and the Award for Excellence in Graduate Teaching from the University of Washington School of Nursing, it is time to honor her once again. On the occasion of her 25th reunion, the Yale School of Nursing Alumnae/i Association is proud to name Deborah Huntington Ward a Distinguished Alumna.
Distinguished Alumna Award Recipient
NANCY MARGARET WINEMAN '77

She began her nursing career in the 1970's, as many did in those days, by graduating from a diploma program and working as a staff nurse at a local hospital. Also like many diploma graduates, she returned to school to obtain a bachelor’s degree in psychology and it was not long before her path led to Yale School of Nursing and the Psychiatric Mental-Health Nursing Program. Shortly after her graduation in 1977, her thesis research, "Locus of Control, Body Image, Weight Loss, and Age at Onset," was published in Nursing Research. Thus began the remarkable career of this Yale Nurse.

She chose to pursue her professional goals in the world of academia and earned her PhD in Nursing from the University of Rochester in 1988, having developed her scholarly area of research in the emotional well-being of the chronically ill and disabled. Her patient populations were those afflicted with multiple sclerosis and spinal cord injury, populations seldom studied by nurse researchers. Through her research and scholarly writings, she has given voice to the daily trials, tribulations, and triumphs of these patients and their caregivers and families. Never satisfied and never finished, this Yale Nurse once again returned to school and in 1999 earned a master’s degree in community counseling and certificate addiction counseling from the University of Akron.

A prolific writer, her publications have appeared in numerous journals including, Nursing Research, Western Journal of Nursing Research, Research in Nursing and Health, American Journal of Psychiatry, Archives of Neurology, Journal of Neuroscience Nursing, Journal of Nursing Education, and Journal of Applied Rehabilitation Counseling. In addition, she has presented her research findings at numerous conferences both nationally and internationally, from the United States Congress to Spain and Denmark.

Her scholarly work has been recognized with competitive research awards from such organizations as the American Nurses Foundation, The National Institutes of Health, and the National Institute for Nursing Research. Although her research record is extraordinary, her teaching accomplishments are exceptional, as well. She has taught at least 16 separate and distinct courses related to leadership, research, and contemporary issues, as well as clinical and didactic content in mental health nursing. She is a mentor to many, both students and fellow faculty, and highly respected by her academic colleagues.

Having already received awards from Sigma Theta Tau for Excellence in Nursing Education and Nurse Mentoring, and an Outstanding Graduate Faculty Award from the University of Akron, it is now time for her to return home to be acknowledged by her Yale classmates and fellow alumnae/i. For outstanding contributions to nursing education and research, for unselfish mentoring of nursing’s future leaders, and for giving voice to the chronically ill and disabled and their caregivers, the Yale School of Nursing Alumnae/i Association proudly bestows the Distinguished Alumna Award on Nancy Margaret Wineman, Class of 1977.
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Yale University School of Nursing Alumnae/i Association
Minutes of the Annual Meeting, June 8, 2002

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Carol Ann Wetmore, President of the Association.

- Minutes for the June 2, 2001 meeting, as printed in Yale Nurse, were approved.
- Treasurer’s report: Final year-end data were unavailable, but will be printed in the September, 2002 issue of Yale Nurse.
- Carol Ann Wetmore presented the 2002-03 Slate of Officers and Directors to the Association membership. The slate was approved as presented.
- Nina Adams ’77, Chairperson of Annual Giving, gave the following report:
  1. The percent of YSN alumnae/i who participated in the Annual Giving campaign was higher than any other school at Yale.
  2. At this time, annual giving participation is at 48%. This is higher than it has been in the past years.
  3. The overall Annual Giving goal this year is $155,000. YSN year-to-date annual giving is at approximately $150,000.
  4. Nina emphasized the importance of participation, regardless of amount.

- Old Business:
  1. Launching Your Career Workshop sponsored by YUSNAA, once again was well attended with positive feedback.
  2. The Bulldog Pin fundraiser has also been very successful at YSN and throughout the University. The Alumnae/i Association will continue to use this as a fundraiser in the upcoming year.
  3. The Association presented YSN pins to graduates at graduation again this year. Graduates continue to like this gift.

- New Business:

  Carol Ann discussed the plan to evaluate the role of the Alumnae/i Association Board. She mentioned that she will be working with Dean Gilliss on forming a task force to look at the role and function of the board over the course of the next year.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Donna J. Boehm, Secretary

Addendum To The Annual Meeting Minutes:

- Total budget expenditures for 2001-2002 were $187,650. Among its expenses, the Association has been able to support several important activities:
  - Student scholarships in the amount of $97,000
  - Yale Nurse production costs of $22,000
  - Purchase of MSN pins awarded to graduating students at $4615
  - The sale of bulldog pins raised approximately $1,950 for the Association.
  - Remaining expenditures included support of the annual Launching Your Career Workshop, graduation, and Alumnae/i weekend activities.
Donna Diers Retires from YSN

By Judith B. Krauss and Ilya Sverdlov

In June, 2002, the Yale School of Nursing bid farewell to Donna Diers, the Annie W. Goodrich Professor of Nursing and former Yale School of Nursing Dean. Donna has had a distinguished career in nursing and health care. Her early work in nursing research in the 1960’s was pioneering for its emphasis on questions of clinical significance that would make a difference in the practice of nurses and the care of patients. Her book, Research in Nursing Practice, 1979, published by Lippincott, was the first to describe methods for clinical nursing research. Her work has appeared regularly in nursing and health care journals in the US, Canada, and Australia, and she has also published in the New England Journal of Medicine, the New York Times, and other prominent media.

Donna points out that, "While nurses are the most important group in the health care system, they are also the most invisible." Her writing and research have done much to uncover the work of nursing and its potential influence on individual patients, as well as systems of care. After she retired from the deanship of the School of Nursing in 1984, Donna joined the Health Systems Management Group at Yale which founded Diagnosis Related Groups (DRGs), now used as the basis for hospital payments by the Medicare program in the US, and adopted for payment in many other countries. Her particular interest has been in using the information systems spawned by DRGs for decision-making in nursing and hospital operations. Her most recent research has focused on the use of large hospital data sets to better understand the operations of unit level nursing care and quality of care and outcomes for patients. She has consulted internationally about the uses of such data and its impact on policy. She holds a Lecturer appointment in the Health Management Program in the Yale Department of Epidemiology and Public Health and a post as Senior Clinical Coordinator in the Finance Department at Yale-New Haven Hospital, positions she will continue.

During her tenure as Dean of the Yale School of Nursing (1972-1984), Donna significantly expanded the School’s master’s programs and extended the School’s clinical influence by establishing faculty joint appointments in many of the major clinical agencies in the greater New Haven area. She led the effort to implement the first post-baccalaureate graduate entry program into nursing in the nation, a model of nursing education that has revolutionized the profession.

Donna was drawn to the profession of nursing in childhood. In an essay in Making Choices, Taking Chances - Nursing Leaders Tell Their Stories, she wrote, "I never seriously wanted to be anything but a nurse. There are no nurses in my family, but I knew early on that I liked the notion of becoming one. And that’s mostly what it was, a notion, based on white caps (which I used to make out of typing paper and then try on in front of the mirror) and on a neighbor up the street who wore stiffly starched, long-sleeved white uniforms and looked like everything I wasn’t: clean, disciplined, competent." That early notion of a nurse evolved into a keen understanding of the nursing profession. Donna is particularly known for her writing that evokes the work of the discipline not only for the profession itself, but also for the lay public. Her advocacy for nursing and nurses is still being called upon as the world faces an international nursing shortage.

Educated at the University of Denver, Yale University, and having received a PhD from the University of Technology, Sydney, Australia just this year, she has published over 150 articles. She edited the largest scholarly journal in nursing, Image - Journal of Nursing Scholarship, from 1985 to 1993. She continues to serve on manuscript review panels for many nursing and health services journals.

Donna is a Fellow of the American Academy of Nursing and of the Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences. She has been honored by the Connecticut Nurses Association with the Virginia Henderson Award for contributions to nursing research, and by the Jessie M. Scott award from the American Nurses Association. Her alma mater, Yale, has honored her with a Distinguished Alumna Award and with the Annie W. Goodrich Award for Excellence in Teaching. She was one of the first four women Board members of The Mory’s Association.

She is an Adjunct Professor at the University of Technology, Sydney, Australia and Monash University Faculty of Nursing, Melbourne, where she teaches information management.
AIDS Remains a Global Tragedy

By Ann Williams '81

AIDS is truly a global challenge. Yale School of Nursing faculty and students are currently engaged in AIDS projects in two countries that are at very different points in the epidemic trajectory. In March, 2002 continuing an ongoing program of collaboration and exchange, Ann Williams '81 and Jane Burgess returned to China. In Changsha, Hunan Province, working with recent YSN Chia Fellows, Honghong Wong and Jin Huang, they conducted a series of follow-up workshops and conferences focusing on AIDS and blood borne pathogens prevention education for nurses. These activities were followed by three days of AIDS education for Beijing area nurses, co-sponsored by the National Nursing Center of China.

It is now clear that China stands on the brink of an AIDS catastrophe. Although it is still possible to avert an epidemic on the scale of sub-Saharan Africa, time is very short. When the Yale-China AIDS nursing programs began four years ago, most of the Chinese nurses felt that AIDS was a curiosity, a disease of foreigners, and not relevant to their lives and work. By this March, that view had changed. Nurses report they are caring for increasing numbers of patients they suspect are HIV infected. Because the majority of hospital staff nurses (80%) report at least one needle stick per year, these nurses are at great risk for occupational exposure to HIV.

Angela Rogers (L) and Chia Fellows, Jin Huang and Honghong Wong, with Ann Williams (seated)
This summer YSN student, Angela Rogers '03, is assisting Jin Huang to conduct a study describing the AIDS knowledge and beliefs of Chinese college students, and Honghong Wong to evaluate the effect of an AIDS education module for student nurses. In addition, the team submitted a proposal for a national educational program for Chinese nurses.

Sadly, at the other end of the spectrum of AIDS epidemics around the world, Ann Williams recently traveled to South Africa with Dr. Gerald Friedland, her colleague at the Yale AIDS Care Program. There they encountered a society in which as many as one of every three individuals is HIV infected. Although medication costs have come down, treatment is still well out of the range of the majority of people. At Church of Scotland Hospital in Tugela Ferry, Kwa Zulu Natal, 65 - 70% of the patients have AIDS. A small HIV clinic has begun, and Drs. Williams and Friedland are working with them to begin to offer antiretrovirals.

The AIDS epidemic is a terrible tragedy for this young and complicated country and there are many ways that the YSN community can help. Erin Shawn '03 is working this summer with South Coast Hospice to identify the range of symptoms and needs of terminally ill AIDS patients who are cared for in rural villages. Dylan Barnes-Lotfi '03 is evaluating the knowledge and attitudes of community health workers in another African country, Zimbabwe.
Arnstein Conference Room Rededicated at Bellos Lecture

The life and career of Dean Margaret Gene Arnstein, 1904-1972, is now permanently on display in the Arnstein Conference Room at YSN. The room was rededicated on April 10 immediately following the Bellos Lecture and before the traditional Wisser Tea. Yale University Provost Alison Richard greeted those in attendance, including Dean Arnstein’s brother, Robert, and his wife, Mary. Others who participated in this wonderful event were YSN Dean Catherine Gilliss, Former Dean Florence Schorske Wald '41, and Professor Helen Varney Burst '63. Dr. Robert Arnstein also made remarks. Thanks to Helen Varney Burst and Lisa Hotin, YSN Director of Development, for their time and effort devoted to the planning and organizing of this permanent exhibition.

(L to R) Mary and Robert Arnstein, Marla Salmon, and Dean Catherine Gilliss

The Bellos Lecture this year was delivered by Marla E. Salmon, ScD, FAAN, Dean of the Nell Hodgson Woodruff School of Nursing at Emory University and Professor of Public Health. Dr. Salmon is also Founding Director of the Lillian Carter Center for International Nursing. Her lecture, entitled, “Footprints, Pathways, and the Public’s Health,” centered on the need for, and history of, public health and public health nursing. Her talk recognized the contributions and legacy of Dean Arnstein in promoting public health.

For the third consecutive year, YSN hosted four Yale-Howard Scholars during the summer. A full report of their activities will appear in the next issue of Yale Nurse. (L to R) Charmain Hutchinson with her mentor, Marge Funk ’84; Ambrosia Fisher; Diane Johnson-Thomas; Tania Thorne; and Dean Catherine Gilliss. Mentors Margaret Grey ’76, Tish Knobi ’82, and Larry Scahill ’89 were unavailable for the photo.

On June 5, as part of YSN’s commitment to the Certified Nursing Assistant Program at Hill Regional Career High School, Sharon Sanderson, Director of Recruitment and Placement (L), attended the school’s annual awards ceremony and presented the graduates of the program with a Yale School of Nursing t-shirt and helped Minna Kaufman, a teacher and coordinator of the program, with the distribution of the CNA pins to the 17 graduates. Sharon also presented the Florence Wald Scholarship, in the amount of $100, to Vanessa Torres (R) who plans to pursue an undergraduate nursing degree at Gateway Community College. Immediately following the ceremony, a luncheon celebration was held at Hill Regional Career High School.
YSNews: A New Electronic Newsletter for YSN Alumnae/i and Friends

A new feature for YSN alumnas/i and friends, YSNews is an electronic monthly newsletter that provides quick news briefs on what is happening at YSN. Recent stories appeared about the record-breaking grant from ConvaTec and Bristol-Myers Squibb Foundation to develop a new wound care program spearheaded by Dr. Courtney Lyder, and the announcement of the retirement of former YSN Dean, Donna K. Diers. Many of the news briefs link to the full article located on the YSN website. Lisa Hottin, YSN Director of Development, and Ilya Sverdlov, YSN Director of Public Information, serve as Co-Editors of YSNews. Since the first issue in April, 2002, this newest publication has been received with overwhelmingly positive response. The Editors welcome your comments and suggestions.

If you would like to receive YSNews, please send your email address to YSNews@yale.edu.

AMOEBA IN THE DARK  By Andrea Schettler ’04

Written in tribute to classmates who made Andrea’s unexpected inpatient hospital stay more comfortable

When the nurse is nursed by a nurse,
A seemingly confusing verse,
In which one may feel inclined to rehearse,
A needle stick before stuck upon this ill nurse.
Or perhaps something a little less prudent,
Is found in a bedridden nursing student,
In which the nurse-to-be finds nurses-to-be,
Inspecting every angle, bump, elbow, and knee.
And worthy advocates they are of every plea,
Keeping other nurses very busy,
All the while watching docs probe and tap,
Quick to catch their mishaps.
“Ice chips are low, IV is intact,
But don’t you think you forgot about that?”
They say with smiles sweet as daisies,
While eyes light with the threat of Hades,
All to rid the nurse-to-be of such dreadful maladies.
Now maladies come and may maladies please go,
But about these ladies one ought to know,
Or at least be so inclined to be informed,
That these nurses-to-be need no uniform.
No title tells of kindness they have there,
To sooth a cramp and wash dirty hair.
That special place....
That sometimes seemingly empty space,
Humans have between their breastplates.
This between-the-plates-space of loving spark,
The kind that sets them apart,
With warmth and love of a friendly heart,
Secretly, it helps fight tropical amoeba in the dark.
For this I am quite sure,
That it was not IV line nor Cipro cure,
No no no,
No little white pill marked C-I-P-R-O,
Could match the advice of these marvelous pros.
Well pros indeed,
Do you really need reminding?
I did say nurses, well to-be!
And well to do,
Did I mention a grand canyon sized THANKYOU?
Which still cannot make what is certainly true,
Leslie, Rory, Joyelle, I thank you,
And I love you,
Jello in hand and smile on face,
Your help put me back in place,
Your friendship returned me to grace,
Thank you for sharing that unbreakable embrace.

----with love and gingerale,
Drea
Mountaingales Complete the Long Trail and Reach Scholarship Goal!

By Molly Steele

Thanks to the generous contributions of all the Mountaingales' supporters, these hiking nurses have far surpassed their scholarship goal of $5,000 for a total of more than $7,000. The fund will help students from New Haven's Career High School go on to nursing school. Thoughts of these students and all those who supported the trip helped the four women over the nearly 300-mile trail through Vermont's Green Mountains.

After leaving the Massachusetts/Vermont border on June 2, Kipp Bovey, Molly Steele, and Carrie Szejk (all Midwifery '03) reached Canada on June 27th, three days earlier than planned. Mica Muskat (PNP '03) had to leave the trail at the halfway point after suffering further damage to an already injured knee. No doubt she will be back to complete the second half at some point, perhaps with the other Mountaingales, who all have said they would do it again.

As the scholarships will not be awarded until the spring, donations are still being accepted. Checks should be made payable to the Mountaingales, and sent to Mica Muskat at YSN. If you have questions about the hike or the organization, please contact molly.steele@yale.edu.

On a visit to the United States (L to R) Ann Williams '81 and Florence Wald '41 met with Professor Shunzhen Xiao from the National Nursing Center of China to discuss a collaborative educational program on HIV/AIDS. Professor Xiao also visited a number of facilities that care for the elderly.
ENRS Award

At the 14th Scientific Session of the Eastern Nursing Research Society, held in March, 2002 at State College, Pennsylvania, Joyce Shea ’83, DNSc ’02 won the “Outstanding Podium Presentation Award” for a doctoral student. With Joyce (L) in the photo is Mikki Meadows ’98, also a finalist. Next year’s meeting will be held in New Haven at the Omni Hotel, March 27-29, 2003, hosted by YSN.

Melkus Type 2 Diabetes Grant Makes Local News

Susan Langerman ’99, Project Director of the Type 2 Diabetes Project for Black Women; Angela Williams, Nurse Research Associate; and Jessica Cummings-Mitchell ’04, Research Assistant, participated in the NAACP Urban Health Fair at the Hill Regional Career High School in New Haven on May 18. According to Gail Melkus, YSN Associate Professor and Lead Investigator, over 90 screenings were performed. The project was highlighted on ABC TV Channel 8 News as part of ABC’s coverage of the Health Fair.

Kathleen A. Knafl (C), YSN Professor of Nursing, was invited to give a series of talks on concept development and family nursing research at the Korea University, June 11-12. The presentations were part of a series of events celebrating the nursing program’s 60th anniversary. Several hundred faculty and students from nursing programs throughout the country attended Dr. Knafl’s talks. Seen with her are (L to R) Assistant Professor Kuem Sun Han and Professor Sung Ok Chang.
Southern CT Black Nurses Association
Honors YSN Educator

By Ilya Sverdlov

Heather Reynolds ’80 received the Nurse Educator Award from the Southern Connecticut Black Nurses Association, Inc., a chapter of the National Black Nurses Association, Inc., on April 28 at the 10th Annual Scholarship Nurse Award Luncheon. The award recognizes outstanding contributions made by nurses to the nursing profession, particularly those that impact health care of minority populations.

Heather is an Associate Professor of Nursing in the Nurse-Midwifery Specialty at Yale School of Nursing. She graduated with her master’s in nursing from Yale and went to see the world, first working doing full scope midwifery and delivering lots of babies in Belle Glade, Florida. There she worked with migrant workers, primarily Haitian, at a time when HIV was a particular challenge, but there was little information about having AIDS. In that sense she was a pioneer... going where many others feared to tread.

In addition, Heather has carried the flag in matters of health service planning and policy development. She has served as a Nurse Consultant in the Health Resources and Services Administration, Division of Nursing. There she speaks with the wisdom gained from her role as a midwife caring for two generations of young women who have delivered their babies at Yale-New Haven Hospital. She has been the nurse-midwifery service director at Yale-New Haven for more than fifteen years. One of Heather’s greatest joys is still to provide prenatal and primary care for the young women of New Haven.

Heather is a scholar and a frequent participant in ground-breaking clinical research projects. She has studied and written about breastfeeding, midwifery service administration, group prenatal care, adolescent health care, and adolescent risk reduction. Her contribution and leadership has been recognized by many. She has received a Kellogg Foundation Student Fellowship and she was a Primary Care Policy Fellow of the U S Public Health Service. She has been honored with a YSN Distinguished Alumna Award and she is a Fellow of the American College of Nurse-Midwives.
Lynette Ament, PhD, CNM, Associate Professor and Director of the Nurse-Midwifery Specialty, was chosen to receive the 2002 Kitty Ernst Award, one of the most respected honors given to members of American College of Nurse-Midwives (ACNM). She received the award on May 24 at the ACNM’s 47th Annual Meeting in Atlanta, Georgia, along with the traditional bouquet of gorgeous flowers and purple boa and hat.

Members of the Marquette University Nurse-Midwifery Education Program and her former nurse-midwifery practice in Milwaukee, as well as her YSN faculty colleagues, were asked to join Lynette on stage to honor her accomplishments.

The Kitty Ernst Award is given annually to an ACNM member who has been certified less than ten years and has demonstrated innovative, creative endeavors in clinical practice, education, administration, or research in relation to midwifery and/or women’s health. In the ACNM, the Kitty Ernst Award is known as, “the young whippersnapper award,” and is named after Kitty Ernst, ACNM’s fourth president and one of its most dynamic living legends. The Award has only been in existence since 1997, so Lynette truly stands out to have been selected. “Lynette has exhibited exceptional leadership ability and has accomplished much during her nine short years as a nurse-midwife,” said ACNM President Mary Ann Shah, when presenting the award. “She is recognized for her potential to become a powerful and positive activist for midwifery care, and for women.”

In addition to Lynette’s recognition, Anna Maria Speciaie ’03 received the Varney Participant Award and YSN faculty member, Barbara Hackley, won the ACNM Excellence in Teaching Award for the second year in a row!

Poster presentations were given by Lynette Ament and former YSN faculty member Kimberly Updegrove, “Evening Primrose Oil as a Cervical Ripening Agent - A Pilot Study;” and Michelle Dynes ’00, Heather Reynolds ’80, and Lois Sadler ’79, “Parent-Teen Communication and Sexual Attitudes and Behaviors of Sexually Active Adolescent Females.”

Session presenters were Mary Ellen Rousseau, Associate Professor, “Workshop on Endometrial Sampling: Indications and Techniques;” and Barbara Hackley, Program Instructor, and Mary Ellen Rousseau, “Beyond the Coin Toss: Choosing the Right Hormone Therapy.”

The YSN nurse-midwifery faculty were also well represented at the 26th Triennial Congress of the International Confederation of Midwives in Vienna, Austria, April 14-18, 2002. Heather Reynolds attended on behalf of the ACNM Division of Accreditation and participated in a meeting of international midwifery educators. Helen Varney Burst presented, “Critical Commonalities in Midwifery Education.” Kimberly Updegrove presented, “Incorporating Technology into a Midwifery Education Program;” and Kim and Lynette presented a poster on, “Evening Primrose Oil as a Cervical Ripening Agent - A Pilot Study.” Lynette also presented two papers, “Examining the Cost Effectiveness of Midwifery Care,” and, “Cesarean Sections: Debates, Facts, and Recommendations.”
Luncheon at YSN Honors Diers's Retirement

On the occasion of her retirement from YSN, Donna Kaye Diers '64, was honored at a luncheon at the School on the Saturday of the 2002 Reunion Weekend. She was joined by faculty, staff, students, and alumnae/i to celebrate her contributions to nursing, to YSN, and to all who have been privileged to know and work with Donna over the years. Remarks on behalf of the faculty, staff, students, alumnae/i, and the School were delivered by Helen Burst '63, Barbara Reif, Joan Rimar, DNSc '02, Carol Ann Wetmore '94, and Dean Catherine Gillis, respectively, followed by "the last word" from Donna. One of the highlights of the day was the presentation to Donna of the newly established YSN Medal, signifying induction into the YSN Hall of Fame.

Following are Helen Burst's remarks, representative of the essence of the celebration and the spirit of the honoree.

To Donna Diers – from the faculty – upon her retirement from YSN:

You have been our teacher and mentor. From the nurse orientation system, through nursing research, to health care financing, systems management, and scholarship in huge data sets, you have taught us.

You have given generously of your time and talents, as you mentored us in how to best present ourselves in our reappointment and promotion CV's and essays.

You have been our clarion voice – helping us on how to think about nurses and, more importantly, about nursing and how to articulate our understanding to others.

You have made us proud to be nurses by turning around those questions and issues designed to demoralize us, into understanding our power and how to wield it.

Your constant exhortation was to, "fix it." And then you would give us the administrative latitude and wherewithal to do just that.

You led the charge into the fray of getting loans and grants from recalcitrant federal government agencies that did not understand our GEPN program, and of "fixing" multiple state boards of nursing viewpoints towards our three-year students and graduates.

You were and are the modern incarnation of what you pointed out to us about earlier leaders in nursing. To quote you, they were, "...not eyelash batting patsies; they were tough,
canny, and strong." You, also, are tough, canny, and strong, and through nursing have promoted and effected change in the health care system.

We have been the recipients of your hand-written notes of recognition and praise to make us feel proud, and of your clipping service of articles shoved under our doors in accord with our interests. You have made us feel important and necessary.

You nurtured our scholarship not only with your generous gift of quick-turnaround editing, but through your support of the founding of our local chapter of Sigma Theta Tau, Delta Mu. You then generously shared your penchant for miniature dollhouses by creating miniature Florence Nightingale rooms for fund raisers.

In any gathering of faculty or Delta Mu members or local nurses, your name invariably comes up. You are quoted and your ideas are discussed – always with excitement and stimulation.

Your "wordsmithing" brings pure joy, delight, and pleasure. Knowing that one is about to hear you give a presentation or to pick up a piece of your writing brings a sense of anticipation:

Anticipation of learning what you are thinking on any given topic at that moment;

Anticipation of hearing about the lonely, only nurse practitioner in East Overshoe, Nebraska or Littleville, Vermont;

Anticipation of finding a "gem" of wordsmithing, such as when you refer to nursing diagnosis as, "semantic tanglefoot," or identify a "classic example of doctor-speak" as, "idiopathic gobbledeguk balderdash;"

Anticipation of feeling uplifted and proud of our profession and of our selves as nurses;
And anticipation that you will verbally slay all of our dragons.

You have been colleague and friend; advisor and mentor; dean and leader.

You have given us invaluable take-home messages, such as:

- The purpose of research is to answer questions.
- The purpose of hospitals is to provide nursing care.
- Nursing does not get recognition, respect, or money by being invisible.
- The turf of nurse practitioners is primary care.
- You can't be logical with someone who is irrational.

And best of all, from the time you came to YSN as a student, you have given us 40 years of you.

We love you, we honor you, and we thank you. ■

Donna and former Dean Florence Wald

Luncheon in the YSN Reference Room
March, 2002
- Article on Associate Professor Courtney Lyder’s partnership with Bristol-Myers Squibb Foundation and ConvaTec to develop the Program for the Advancement of Chronic Wound Care in the E-News “Late Breaking News” section of Ostomy Wound Management.

March 25, 2002

May, 2002
- Program Instructor Maria Mauldon ‘87 featured in the May issue of Advance for Nurses in an article entitled, “Movin’ On Up,” heralding her 2002 AANP State Award for Excellence.
- Coverage of the Margaret G. Arnstein Exhibit and Conference Room Rededication Ceremony, April 10, in Advance for Nurses.

May 3-12, 2002
- Photo spread in the Yale Bulletin and Calendar titled, “Is There a Nurse in the House?” highlighting Lecturer Linda Pellico’s ‘89 work with the Children of greater New Haven.

May 31, 2002
- Front page article in New Haven Register, “Return to Site to Pay Respects,” featuring Nursing Management and Policy student, Sam Levy ‘03, and his connection to the World Trade Center tragedy on September 11.

May-June, 2002

June, 2002
- Article in Advance for Nurses, “Yale Bids Farewell to Former Dean,” a tribute to Donna Diers.

June 7-30, 2002
- Article featuring the YSN Faculty Practice Group, Women’s Health and Midwifery Practice, Yale Weekly Bulletin and Calendar.

July 1, 2002

July 11, 2002
- Letter to the Editor of the New Haven Advocate by Lecturer Linda Pellico ‘89 entitled, “Don’t Overlook the Nurses.”

July 15, 2002
- Article by Associate Professor Sandra Talley, “A Rewarding Career,” featured in Nursing Spectrum’s semi-annual Critical Care issue.

July 22, 2002
- Mention in Advance for Nurses about Associate Dean for Research Affairs Margaret Grey ‘76 and her election to the national board of the American Diabetes Association, and Associate Professor Lynette Ament’s selection for the American College of Nurse Midwives’ Kitty Ernst Award.

August 1, 2002
- Findings from lead author Larry Scahill’s ‘89 study, “Risperidone in Children with Autism and Serious Behavioral Problems,” the largest randomized clinical trial in autism to date, in the New England Journal of Medicine.
Donna Kaye Diers ’64 received a PhD by publication degree from the University of Technology, Sydney, Australia. The PhD by publication is a mechanism not used in the US, but not uncommon in other countries. It is reserved for individuals who have a significant record of publication but who, for various reasons, have not completed a PhD. Donna is the first nurse to complete the degree by publication at Yale, and we believe the first nurse in Australia. Donna, whose retirement was celebrated in June, has “capped” off her splendid career in fitting style!

Margaret Grey ’76, Associate Dean for Research Affairs and Independence Foundation Professor of Nursing, has been elected to the National Board of Directors of the American Diabetes Association.

George Knafl, Lecturer and Associate Research Scientist, was recently elected to the Legion of Honor of the Vietnam Veterans of America. The award was precipitated by the work that George is doing with Linda Schwartz ’84, Associate Research Scientist at YSN, in analyzing the Ranch Hand data of Air Force personnel who flew Agent Orange missions in Vietnam.

Linda Honan Pellico ’89 co-ordinated a National Nurses Week art contest titled, “What is a Nurse?” for New Haven children in kindergarten through sixth grade. The children drew or painted a picture of what they think a nurse does. Winners were selected from 450 submissions and the artwork was unveiled in the lobby of the Children’s Hospital at Yale-New Haven Hospital on May 8.

Sheila Santacroce received a grant from the Friends of the Yale-New Haven Children’s Hospital to develop a database of childhood cancer survivors. This work is preliminary to her plans to develop an After Cancer Treatment Program for childhood cancer survivors at YNHH.

The following faculty members participated in poster presentations at the American Diabetes Association 62nd Scientific Sessions in San Francisco in June, 2002: Deborah A. Chyun ’82, Catherine Gilliss, Margaret Grey ’76, Elaine Gustafson ’86, George Knafl, Kathleen Knafl, Gail Melkus. Other YSN alumnae participants in the research cited on the posters were Jan Davey ’76; Vanessa Jefferson ’98; Susan Langerman ’99; and Susan Sullivan-Bolyai, DNSc ’99

AYA Assembly LX Examines Free Speech at Yale

The Spring, 2002 AYA Assembly examined the intellectual and historical foundations of Yale’s policies on free speech, while also focusing on presentations by current students and faculty about how people at Yale actually decide what is said, written, and examined.

Yale’s policy on free speech is expressed in the Woodward Report, adopted by the Yale Corporation in 1975 and amended by the Adair Report in 1989. The Woodward Report is an eloquent statement of the importance of free speech in an academic institution and is a defense of the right to speak, as well as the opportunity to learn from the expression of others.

The program recognized that free expression and discussion can be effectively constrained not only by formal restrictions, but also by social pressures and conventions. Free inquiry was central to the theme of the Assembly and sessions were thought provoking and spirited! Mark Greenwold, Yale College ’66, chaired the program that took place on campus on April 26 and 27.

YSN’s AYA delegates to the Association of Yale Alumni for 2002-03 are Alyson Cohen ’92, Kate Stephenson ’94, and Linda Honan Pellico ’89. The role of the delegate is essential to the mission of the AYA to connect and reconnect alumni to Yale. Delegates provide a vital link between alumni and the University by bringing questions and issues of concern to campus and providing information to their constituents. During an Assembly (there are two a year in the fall and the spring), delegates meet with Yale faculty and administrators and are provided opportunities to inquire about programs and developments in all areas of University life. Various sessions on volunteer activities inform delegates of technical resources and activities of interest to their constituency. In addition, delegates elect the AYA Board of Governors at the spring Assembly each year.
Claire Cassidy '03 and Shannon Sanford '03 each received Master's Degree Scholarships from the American Cancer Society.

Veronica Cauilan '03 was honored in April as a 2001-02 Hispanic Scholarship Fund and Goldman Sachs Foundation Scholar and received the HSF/Lilly Endowment Scholarship in May.

Chia-Hui (Cheryl) Chen '99, DNSc '04 received a National Research Service Award from NIH to complete her dissertation, "Nutritional Status of Community-Dwelling Elders."

Shiu-yu (Katie) Lee, DNSc '03 received an American Cancer Society Doctoral Degree Scholarship in Cancer Nursing, in support of her research, "Treatment Decision-Making for the Primary Treatment of Early Stage Breast Cancer in Chinese-American Women."

Nicole Laing '04, who was an intern at the Department of Health and Human Services this summer, is pictured with Secretary of Health and Human Services Tommy Thompson at the Annual Honor Awards Ceremony in Washington, DC.

Pamela Potter DNSc '03 received an American Cancer Society Doctoral Degree Scholarship in Cancer Nursing to support work on her dissertation, "Breast Biopsy and Distress: Testing a Reiki Intervention." Pamela is also bringing her hands-on approach to healing to Yale-New Haven Hospital on a regular basis.

The Spring, 2002 issue of Scope, the Yale health professions literary magazine, featured offerings by

Keith Mages '03, Andrea Schettler '04, Anna Maria Speciale '03, Laura Thompson '03, and Andrew Yim '03.

The following students were participants in poster presentations at the American Diabetes Association 62nd Scientific Sessions in San Francisco in June, 2002: Allison M. Amend '02; Maryanne Davidson '90, DNSc '05; Kimberly O. Lacey '97, DNSc '03; Esther Seibold '04; and Virginia Sun '02.
Elouise Duncan '46W is living in Gaithersburg, Maryland. She and her four siblings all reached their 80s "in reasonably good health" and celebrated with an elaborate dinner party put on by her youngest sister. Last year she traveled to Australia and New Zealand on a cruise and had a wonderful time.

Mary-Vesta Marston-Scott '51 received the Presidential Lifetime Achievement Award from the Stillwater Society at the University of Maine in May, 2002.

Virginia Fidrocki Mason '78 received her doctoral degree in February, 2002 from the Collaborative Program at University of Massachusetts, Amherst-Worcester. Her dissertation was entitled, "Cardiac rehabilitation, home walking, self-efficacy, and health status."

Deborah Garfield Kim '84 published an article in March, 2002 in Nursing Clinics of North America and has a book in progress on emergency management in hospital settings. She is presently working on the HRSA bioterrorism grant for Utah and writing the procedure for repackaging the National Pharmaceutical Stockpile assets. The plan for the latter calls for APNs to manage the patient flow and medication administration. Deb is currently the program manager for Emergency Management and Hazardous Materials for the University of Utah Hospital and Health Sciences. She is also involved with the chemical weapons program in Utah and was appointed as a committee chairperson by the governor last year. "No, I don't make the stuff, just supervise the destruction," she clarifies. Deb says the winter Olympics were "something else" as the Olympic Village was just outside the back door of the hospital where she works. She has three children, ages nine, eight, and six years.

Mary Johns Lott '87 received her PhD in 1999 from the University of Maryland, Department of Kinesiology. Her dissertation was entitled, "Effects of strength training on glucose and insulin responses to an oral glucose tolerance test in older men and women." She was first author for the published article, "Gender differences in glucose and insulin response to strength training in 65 to 75 year-olds," in Clinical Exercise Physiology 3(4): 220-228, 2001. Mary is currently in a post-doctoral position at Penn State College of Medicine in the Department of Cardiology in Hershey, Pennsylvania.

Janice Davis-Morgan '88 is a psychiatric nurse practitioner for Puget Sound Health Care System in Seattle, Washington and is also on the clinical faculty at the University of Washington School of Nursing in the psychiatric NP program. She is the president of the Association of Advanced Practice Psychiatric Nurses (AAPPN) and also a past treasurer for the organization. She sits on the board of the ARNP United of Washington.

Janice skied in France last year, where she also enjoyed the people, mountains, and the food. This summer she traveled to Portugal.

Stacey Young-McCaughan '89 continues the research she began at YSN for her master's thesis. The abstract reporting findings from her research, "Testing an exercise intervention for patients with cancer," was selected as one of the top ten abstracts submitted to the Oncology Nursing Society and will be presented during the Advanced Nursing Research Session at the ONS Annual Congress in Washington DC in April, 2003.

Cora Zembrzuski '89 was one of the 20 nurses selected nationally to receive a scholarship from the 2002 John A. Harford Foundation's Building Academic Geriatric Nursing Capacity Scholars program to support her studies and research in the field of geriatric nursing.

Patricia Bresser '91 completed her PhD last February and is currently an Associate Professor in the Department of Nursing Science at St. Cloud State University, St. Cloud, Minnesota.


Elizabeth Cusanelli '94 and her husband, Steve Raccuia, welcomed a baby girl, Clare Catherine, to the family on March 9, 2002. She weighed 7 pounds 4 ounces and was 19 inches long. Clare joins big brother, Christopher.
Alison Moriarty Daley '94 and husband, Kevin, recently welcomed their daughter, Ailie Maegan Daley. Born on May 10, 2002 and weighing 6 pounds 6 1/2 ounces, she joins big brother Aidan.

Gina Juliano '94 was named "Clinician of the Year" at Yale University Health Services. Her citation described Gina as a, "remarkable clinician [who is] knowledgeable, resourceful, flexible and patient...never seeking credit for all her hard work."

Ann Oswood '94 has moved with her family to Shoreview, Minnesota. She had been practicing midwifery in St. Louis, but is excited to be back in the Minneapolis area which is more midwifery-friendly. Now that her husband, Mark, has finished his residency and has a private practice in neuro-radiology, she is taking some time off to be at home with their two sons, ages six and four.

Margot Seceanj Ververis '94 is a clinical nurse educator in the Adult Emergency Department at Yale-New Haven Hospital. She was interviewed and photographed for a recent issue of Nursing Spectrum highlighting ED challenges in the face of nursing shortages, overcrowding, longer waits, and ambulance diversions.

Kate Stephenson '94 gave birth to a baby boy, Tyler Stephenson Jordan, on June 10, 2002. He weighed 8 pounds 6 ounces and was 20 1/2 inches long. Kate and her husband, Frank Jordan, are thrilled and enjoying parenthood immensely.

Dena Kazmin Moes '96 has settled with her husband, Adam, and daughter, Clarabel, in Paradise, California where they bought a home. She has joined a three-midwife, very holistic practice in town, which is eight miles north of Chico in the Sierra Nevada foothills. She had previously taken some time off to be home with her daughter, now 2 1/2 years old, while they lived in Santa Cruz during Adam's study of acupuncture and oriental medicine.

Monica Roosa Ordway '97 gave birth to Justin Robert on April 14, 2002. She received prenatal care from Michelle Plyer '97 and Amanda Skinner '98. Amanda was in attendance at Justin's birth when he weighed in at 10 pounds.

Kristen Lee '99 has been busy in New York recently. She had a baby boy and was accepted into medical school at SUNY-Stony Brook for the fall of 2002.

Mike McCarthy '01 is working at James Whitcomb Riley Hospital for Children in Indiana where he loves his job. He performs mostly patient and parent education for children with type I diabetes. "It's not easy work, but it is very gratifying to me to help families, especially at the time of diagnosis, to bring some sense to the world that has just crashed in on them and has turned their lives into a major mess. I don't think there are many situations in which nursing has more to offer, in both the short and the long run."

Kristen Becker Talwalkar '02 and her husband, Jaideep, announced the birth of their son, Kavi, on July 6, 2002. He arrived at 11:28 am and weighed 6 pounds 8 ounces. They are, "so in love with him. We still can't believe he's here and that he's ours!"
Evelyn Krueger Jones Scholarship Fund

It is with deep regret that we note the passing on September 28, 2001, of YSN alumna, Evelyn Krueger Jones, Class of 1948. Evelyn was born in Madison, South Dakota. She received a teaching certificate from Eastern State Normal School in Madison and later went on to George Peabody College in Nashville, Tennessee earning a Bachelor of Science degree in Library Science.

Evelyn came to New Haven and joined the YSN Class of 1948 when the school was located in the Brady Building at 310 Cedar Street. After graduation, she went on to hold positions as school nurse in Oregon, Delaware, and Washington, D.C.

In 1976, Evelyn met Frank Jones and they married and settled in Delaware until his death in 1996. She returned home to Madison, SD in 1999.

In her will, Evelyn provided for a bequest to YSN in support of student scholarships. The Evelyn Krueger Jones Scholarship Fund was established this year and will benefit YSN students in need of scholarship support.

Evelyn’s gift makes a lasting contribution to YSN, directly assisting our students to help them fulfill their nursing goals. YSN students will forever be indebted to the generosity and vision of Evelyn Krueger Jones.

We invite you to also consider making a legacy gift to YSN. Please contact Lisa Hottin, YSN Director of Development, for more information. Lisa can be reached by phone at (203) 785-7920, by fax at (203) 785-3554 or by email at lisa.hottin@yale.edu.

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IN MEMORIAM

| Priscilla A. Kublanov '26 | Mona Cutler Hull '37 |
| Mary F. Foster Geary '31 | died July 9, 2002. |
| died in 2002. |  
| Mary Bohan Eagan '32 | Eleanor Phillips Hutt '39 |
| Dorothy Skilton '32 | Janet M. Lumpkin '39 |
| Martha S. Mayo '33 | Marjorie Frick Allen '40 |
| Tabitha Wilson Rossetter '33 | Phoebe S. Stebbins '43 |
| Lucille O. Pond '34 | Marion Merante '44 |
| Dorothy B. Bailey '35 | Janis Jund Smith '44 |
| Helen M. S. Bradley '35 | Kathleen Clare Yeaple '44 |
| died February 27, 2002. | died March 14, 2002.  
|  | Rosamond B. Hansen '45W |
|  | died March 16, 2002.  
|  | Eleanor Haldane '46 |
|  | died November 12, 2000.  
| Nancy Daggett Keith '54 | died December 18, 2001.  
| Constance Sturim Zook '54 | Paul J. Fitzpatrick '64 |
| Judith A. Blocker '68 | Barbara H. Mullin '84 |
| Patricia Glatz-Coleman '91 | died June 3, 2002.  
| died April 16, 2002. |  
| Harris Foss Guntermann '97 |  
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Thank you for your help with our recruitment and placement efforts at the Yale University School of Nursing!

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☐ Notify the Director of the Placement Office when I become aware of available positions

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